

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

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(e) You may appeal any adverse decision BLM takes against your grant under § 2801.10 of this part.

§ 2806.14 Under what circumstances am I exempt from paying rent?

You do not have to pay rent for your use if:

(a) BLM issues the grant under a statute which does not allow BLM to charge rent;

(b) You are a Federal, state, or local government or its agent or instrumentality, unless you are:

(1) Using the facility, system, space, or any part of the right-of-way area for commercial purposes; or

(2) A municipal utility or cooperative whose principal source of revenue is customer charges;

(c) You have been granted an exemption under a statute providing for such; or

(d) Electric or telephone facilities constructed on the right-of-way were financed in whole or in part, or eligible for financing, under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (REA) (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), or are extensions of such facilities. You do not need to have sought financing from the Rural Utilities Service to qualify for this exemption. BLM may require you to document the facility's eligibility for REA financing. For communication site facilities, adding or including non-eligible facilities as, for example, by tenants or customers, on the right-of-way will subject the holder to rent in accordance with §§ 2806.30 through 2806.44 of this subpart.

§ 2806.15 Under what circumstances may BLM waive or reduce my rent?

(a) BLM may waive or reduce your rent payment, even to zero in appropriate circumstances. BLM may require you to submit information to support a finding that your grant qualifies for a waiver or a reduction of rent.

(b) BLM may waive or reduce your rent if you show BLM that:

(1) You are a non-profit organization, corporation, or association which is not controlled by, or is not a subsidiary of, a profit making corporation or business enterprise and the facility or project will provide a benefit or spe-

cial service to the general public or to a program of the Secretary;

(2) You provide without charge, or at reduced rates, a valuable benefit to the public at large or to the programs of the Secretary of the Interior;

(3) You hold a valid Federal authorization in connection with your grant and the United States is already receiving compensation for this authorization. This paragraph does not apply to oil and gas leases issued under part 3100 of this chapter; or

(4) Your grant involves a cost share road or a reciprocal right-of-way agreement not subject to subpart 2812 of this chapter. In these cases, BLM will determine the rent based on the proportion of use.

(c) The BLM State Director may waive or reduce your rent payment if the BLM State Director determines that paying the full rent will cause you undue hardship and it is in the public interest to waive or reduce your rent. In your request for a waiver or rental reduction you must include a suggested alternative rental payment plan or timeframe within which you anticipate resuming full rental payments. BLM may also require you to submit specific financial and technical data or other information that corrects or modifies the statement of financial capability required by § 2804.12(a)(5) of this part.

§ 2806.16 When must I make estimated rent payments to BLM?

To expedite the processing of your grant application, BLM may estimate rent payments and collect that amount before it issues the grant. The amount may change once BLM determines the actual rent of the right-of-way. BLM will credit any rental overpayment, and you are liable for any underpayment. This section does not apply to rent payments made under a rent schedule in this part.

LINEAR RIGHTS-OF-WAY

§ 2806.20 What is the rent for a linear right-of-way?

(a) Except as noted in paragraph (c) of this section, BLM will use the Per Acre Rent Schedule found at paragraph (b) of this section to calculate rent for linear rights-of-way. The Per Acre

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Rent Schedule is updated annually in accordance with § 2806.21 of this subpart.

(b) The Per Acre Rent Schedule for calendar year 2005 is as follows:

2005 PER ACRE RENT SCHEDULE

County zone number and per acre zone price		Per acre rent for oil and gas and other energy related pipeline, and all roads, ditches, and canals. To be adjusted annually for changes in the IPD-GDP. See § 2806.21 for update information	Per acre rent for electric transmission and distribution lines, telephone lines, non-related pipelines, and other linear rights-of-way. To be adjusted annually for changes in the IPD-GDP. See § 2806.21 for update information
Zone 1	\$50	\$3.89	\$3.40
Zone 2	\$100	7.76	6.79
Zone 3	\$200	15.58	13.61
Zone 4	\$300	23.31	20.43
Zone 5	\$400	31.14	27.23
Zone 6	\$500	38.89	34.03
Zone 7	\$600	46.66	40.86
Zone 8	\$1,000	77.78	68.05

(c) BLM may use an alternate means to compute your rent if the rent determined by comparable commercial practices or an appraisal would be 10 or more times the rent from the schedule.

(d) Once you are on a rent schedule, BLM will not remove you from it unless:

(1) The BLM State Director decides to remove you from the schedule under paragraph (c) of this section; or

(2) You file an application to amend your grant.

(e) You may obtain the current linear right-of-way rent schedule from any BLM state or field office or by writing: Director, BLM, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 1000 LS, Washington, DC 20240. BLM also posts the most current rent schedule on the BLM Homepage on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov>.

§ 2806.21 When and how does the linear rent schedule change?

BLM will revise § 2806.20(b) to update the rent schedule each calendar year based on the previous year's change in the IPD-GDP, as measured second quarter to second quarter.

§ 2806.22 How will BLM calculate my rent for linear rights-of-way the schedule covers?

(a) BLM calculates your rent by multiplying the rent per acre for the appropriate category of use and county zone price from the current schedule by the number of acres in the right-of-way

area that fall in those categories and multiplying the result by the number of years in the rental period.

(b) If BLM has not previously used the rent schedule to calculate your rent, we may do so after giving you reasonable written notice.

§ 2806.23 How must I make rental payments for a linear grant?

(a) For linear grants, except those issued in perpetuity, you must make either nonrefundable annual payments or a nonrefundable payment for more than 1 year, as follows:

(1) *One-time payments.* You may pay in advance the required rent amount for the entire term of the grant.

(2) If you choose not to make a one-time payment, you must pay according to one of the following methods, as applicable:

(i) *Payments by individuals.* If your annual rent is \$100 or less, you must pay at 10-year intervals not to exceed the term of the grant. If your annual rent is greater than \$100, you may pay annually or at multi-year intervals that you may choose.

(ii) *Payments by all others.* You must pay rent at 10-year intervals not to exceed the term of the grant.

(b) BLM considers the first partial calendar year in the rent payment period to be the first year of the rental payment term. BLM prorates the first